(a) whether it is a fact that toll tax is collected from vehicles plying on several National Highways in the country;

(b) if so, the total number of National Highways in the country and number of places thereon where toll tax is collected;

(c) the average annual collection made through this toll tax; and

(d) the average distance between toll tax collection centres on these National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) As on 30.06.2009 user fee is collected at 129 toll plazas on specific section of 26 national highways entrusted to NHAI.

(c) The total collection during 2008-09 was Rs. 2613.42 crores and the average annual collection made through the user fee works out to Rs. 40.60 lakhs per km.

(d) The average distance between two toll plazas is 54,207 km.

Declaring 1500 Km. roads as national roads in AP

540. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to declare another 1500 Km. Roads as National Roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the response of the Planning Commission in this regard; and

(d) if not, by when the Ministry will take action on each proposal received from Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted proposal for declaring approximately 6192 Km. of State Roads of Andhra Pradesh as National Highways. Details of these Proposals are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The requirement of resources for development of existing National Highways is huge as compared to availability of resources. Hence, at present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Statement

Proposals submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh for declaration of new National Highways

Details of Roads / Stretches		Length in Kms
1	2	3
1.	Nellore-Atmakur-Badvel-Mydukure-Gooty	314
2.	Hyderabad-Ramagundam-Mancherial-Chanda	330
3.	Hyderabad-Srisailam-Dornala-Atmakur-Nandyal	353.18

1	2	3
4.	Gundugolnu-Nallageria-Devarapalli-Vernagiri Road	83
5.	Krishnapatnam port-Nellore-Chellakara near Chitradurg	470
6.	Hyderabad-Medak-Bodhan-Basar-Luxettipet	395
7.	Kakinada-Dwarapuydi-Rajamundry-Kovvur-Siiryapeta	300
8.	Rajamundry-Maredumilli-Chinturu-Bhoopalapatnam	400
9.	Kuraool-Atmatur-Dornala-Thokapalli-Pericherla-Guntur	300
10.	Kodad-Miryalaguda-Devarakonda-Tandur-Chincholi	240
11.	Bellary-Adoni -Raichut-Mehboobnagar-Jadcherla	200
12.	Kalingapatnam-Srikakulum-Raygadh to NH 201	120
13.	Sironcha Mahadevapur-Tungaturthi-Erpedu-Renigunta	650
14.	Anakapalli-Anadapuram	50
15.	Kuppam-Gundipalli-Kolar to NH 219	70
16.	Kodad-Khammam-Thorrur-Warangal-Jagityal	290
17.	Ananthapur-Uravakonda-Bellary	78
18.	Puthalapattu-Naidupet Road	117
19.	Kurnool-Bellary Road	126
20.	Tadipatri-Raichur road *via* Ananthapur-Urvakonda Road	146.17
21.	Road from Guntur-Vinukonda-Tokapalli-Nandyal Banaganapalli-Owk- Thadapatri- Dharmavaram- Kodur.	530
22.	Adilabad-Utnoor-Khanapur-Korutla-Vemulawada-Siddipet-Janagon-Suryapeta-Miryalguda-Piduguralla-Narasaraopeta-Vodarevu.	630
	TOTAL :	6192.35

Conversion of two lanes road into four and six lanes in AP

541. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh to convert two lanes road into four lanes and six lanes wherever necessary on National Highways especially from Hyderabad to Vijayawada;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) if not, by when action will be taken to complete the projects in a time bound manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (c) Ministry has taken up 2534 km length of National Highways (NHs) for four-laning in Andhra Pradesh. Out of this, four-laning in a length of 1546 km has been completed,